**Conclusion of prevalence of certain diseases**

844. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1646 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) on what basis, the Director General of Health Services came to the conclusion that diseases like Physhosis, Psychoneurosis and others Psychosomomati c disorders are not widely prevalent in the country;

(b) whether his Ministry verified the sales turn-over of each of the drugs needed for these diseases;

(c) whether it is a fact that the sales turn-over of most of these drugs is even higher than the drugs needed for National Health Programme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that DGHS has given wrong advice and has misled his Ministry; and

(e) what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) The diseases that are widely prevalent in the country are tropical diseases. Psychosomomatic disorders are not wide spread in this country.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not Monitor sales turnover of drugs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

845. [*Transferred to the* 31*st July*, 1989].

846. [*Transferred to the* 31*st July*, 1989].

**Import of Danazol**

847. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danazol is not only being produced in the country but is also being exported as well;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the imports of this drug and who are the importers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the imports are being over-invoiced by the Indian importers from their connected sources abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Import Policy for the import of finished medicines is decided by Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce. The leading importer of Danazol is M/s. Medicare, New Delhi.

(c) Prices of drugs are controlled by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (B.I.C.P.) as per norms fixed by the Government.

848. [*Transferred to the* 31*st July*, 1989].

**Review of drugs required for National Health Programme**

849. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry appointed a Committee to review the list of drugs required for National Health Programmes;